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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

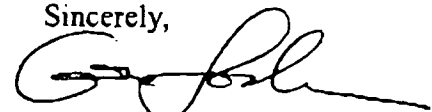
I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that I strongly urge you to support the recent settlement in the Microsoft antitrust case. This case has been going on for years and it is high time that we stop wasting taxpayers money. Letting Microsoft get back to business would help get this country back on track.

I am a software consultant and I use Microsoft's and other companies' products. Microsoft's "monopolistic" influence certainly didn't stop me from using other companies' software. I chose to simultaneously use both products, due mainly to Microsoft's ease of integration. I see free enterprise as a valued ideal in our society.

This settlement contains provisions and requirements that go well beyond the government's original grievances and work to ensure fair, honest and responsible competition. This agreement between Microsoft and the federal government require Microsoft to submit to a three person, government appointed, technical oversight committee. Furthermore, this settlement forces Microsoft to give up its intellectual property to its competitors and partners in exchange for a fair and reasonable license fee. This provision alone will advance technology vastly and improve competition tremendously.

This settlement is the result of intense negotiations over a three-month period, helped along by a government appointed moderator. I support the settlement, and look forward to seeing the end of this case.

Sincerely,



Gene Sachsenmaier

cc: Representative Anthony David Weiner

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